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DEPT FOR A/SY/FO; BEIRUT FOR RSS AND CO CO "B" MSG FROM RSO

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL MARINE SECURITY GUARDS

1. IN LIGHT OF UNFAVORABLE REACTION OF SOME ARAB ELEMENTS, PARTICULARLY THE PALESTINIANS, TO RECENT EGYPT-ISRAELI SINAI DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT, RSO, IN CONTEXT OF CONTINUING REVIEW OF PHYSICAL SECURITY PROCEDURES, PROPOSED THAT NEW MSG POST -- INITIALLY TEMPORARILY -- SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED AT MAIN GATE OF EMBASSY COMPOUND. AMBASSADOR CONCURS. WHILE CHANCERY IS GUARDED BY MSG POST WHICH IS CONTROL CENTER FOR COMPOUND SECURITY, ENTRY INTO OTHER OFFICES, SUCH AS CONSULAR, COMMERCIAL, PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE ATTACHE OFFICES IS POSSIBLE VIA ANOTHER PASSAGEWAY. WE BELIEVE THEREFORE THAT, IN VIEW OF HEIGHTENED POTENTIAL THREAT, MAIN GATE SECURITY POST SHOULD BE PERMANENTLY MANNED BY MARINE GUARD.

2. ON SEPTEMBER 11, 1975 RSO ESTABLISHED TEMPORARY MSG POST AT MAIN ENTRANCE TO EMBASSY COMPOUND. POST OPERATES FROM 0730 TO 1900 MONDAY TO FRIDAY, AND 0800 TO 1400 ON SATURDAY. MSG WEARS CIVILIAN CLOTHES (JACKET/TIE OR WALKING SUIT); IS ARMED WITH 38 CAL SERVICE REVOLVER AND HAS IMMEDIATE ACCESS TO 12 GAUGE SHOTGUN. HIS PRIMARY DUTIES ARE TO: ASSURE THAT ALL HAND-CARRIED PARCELS AND
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BRIEFCASES ARE INSPECTED (BY LOCAL SECURITY GUARDS) WHEN

VISITORS ENTER COMPOUND; EXERT POSITIVE CONTROL OVER VEHICLES AND PERSONNEL ENTERING COMPOUND; AND BE PREPARED TO BE FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE FOR POSSIBLE TERRORIST ATTACK.

3. BASED ON RSO RECOMMENDATION, AMBASSADOR HAS AGREED THAT THIS MSG POST BE ESTABLISHED ON PERMANENT BASIS FOR TEN HOUR PERIOD (0730-1730) MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY AND SIX HOURS ON SATURDAY (0800-1400). MAIN GATE IS LOCKED AT OTHER TIMES.

4. OUR PRESENT MSG DETACHMENT HAS T/O OF 10 WATCH-
STANDERS AND ONE NCOIC. THEY PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING COVERAGE:

POST #1 - 24 HOUR POST AT CHANCERY - CONTROLS ACCESS INTO CHANCERY AND MONITORS EMERGENCY ALARMS AND CCTV'S.

POST #1A- 5 HOUR POST MONDAY TO FRIDAY. 8 HOURS POST ON SUNDAY - CONDUCTS CLOSE OF BUSINESS SECURITY INSPECTION AND ESCORTS CHARS.

POST #2 - 24 HOUR POST AT COM RESIDENCE - INCLUDES PATROLS AROUND RESIDENCE AND PERSONAL PROTECTION OF AMBASSADOR IF EMERGENCY SITUATION ARISES.

HOURS ON POST PER WEEK: 369

NINTH FACTOR: 33.2

TOTAL 402.2

WEEKLY AVERAGE HOURS ON POST: 40.2 HOURS PER MAN.

5. MINIMUM OF 2 ADDITIONAL MSG WATCHSTANDERS ARE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL COVERAGE AT EMBASSY COMPOUND FRONT GATE. ADJUSTED MAN HOURS ON POST WOULD BE AS FOLLOWS:

POST 1, 1A, 2: 369 HOURS

POST 3: 56 HOURS

SUB-TOTAL 425

NINTH FACTOR: 38.3

TOTAL HOURS ON POST: 463.3

WITH 12 MSG'S, WEEKLY AVERAGE HOURS ON POST WOULD BE 38.6 HOURS PER MAN.

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6. POST HAS ADVISED THAT PRESENT MSG QUARTERS WILL BE RENOVATED TO ACCOMMODATE TWO ADDITIONAL MSG'S. UNTIL RENOVATIONS ARE COMPLETED, NEW MARINES WILL BE HOUSED IN TEMPORARY EMBASSY APARTMENT. FYI: SUBSEQUENT TO RECENT CO CO "B" INSPECTION, EMBASSY HAS ISSUED MARINE HOUSE A FREEZER AND HAS PROVIDED NEW BED LINEN. EMBASSY IS IN PROCESS OF PURCHASING BEDROOM RUGS, AND CURTAINS. EMBASSY IS ALSO MAKING CONCERTED EFFORT TO CORRECT ESTISTING

PLUMBING AND ELECTRICAL PROBLEMS. END FYI.

7. PRESENT DETACHMENT HAS DRAWN ONE MAN FROM ALEXANDRIA,
AND IS MINUS ONE MAN ON ANNUAL LEAVE. AS OF TODAY THEY ARE
STANDING 46.3 HOURS A WEEK PER MAN.

8. DEPT APPROVAL OF MSG INCREASE IS REQUESTED.
PLEASE ADVISE.
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